

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mehran Arjomand on 09/29/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Replaced the claims as follows: -----

Claims 1-4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A word composing apparatus comprising:
a dictionary storing at least words and parts of speech corresponding to the words;

a search condition designator that designates ~~at least~~ a part of speech from a plurality of parts of speech as a search condition, said parts of speech including at least a class of nouns and verbs;

a word search unit that searches ~~a word~~ for one or more words matching the search condition designated by said search condition designator from said dictionary;

a display unit that displays one or more words that match the search condition a ~~searched word~~; and

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an input processor that selects one of the one or more words displayed that match the search condition and executes a process of inputting a the selected word displayed on said display unit as letters or characters of a song word.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A word composing apparatus ~~according to claim 5,~~
comprising:

a dictionary storing at least words and parts of speech corresponding to the words;

a search condition designator that designates at least the number of syllables and a part of speech as a search condition;

a word search unit that searches a word matching the search condition designated by said search condition designator from said dictionary;

a display unit that displays a searched word; and

input processor that executes a process of inputting a word displayed on said display unit as letters or characters of a song; ~~wherein said search condition designator designates at least the number of syllables and a part of speech as the search condition.~~

Claim 7 (currently amended): A word composing apparatus ~~according to claim 5,~~
comprising:

a dictionary storing at least words and parts of speech corresponding to the words;

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a search condition designator that designates at least part of speech as a search condition;

a word search unit that searches a word matching the search condition designated by said search condition designator from said dictionary;

a display unit that displays a searched word; and
input processor that executes a process of inputting a word displayed on said display unit as letters or characters of a song.

wherein said search condition designator counts a letter or character train containing predetermined letters or characters as both one syllable and two syllables, as a method of counting the number of syllables of a word in said dictionary.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A word composing apparatus comprising:

a sentence syntax storing device storing a plurality of sentence syntax templates each defining ~~a typical~~ an order of a plurality of parts of speech, said parts of speech including at least the class of nouns and verbs;

a display unit that displays a plurality of sentence syntax templates, based on the stored sentence syntax templates, to urge selection of one sentence syntax template; and

a designator that designates one sentence syntax template among sentence syntax templates displayed on said display unit; and

an input processor that inputs words of a song in accordance with the designated sentence syntax template.

Claims 9-11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (currently amended): A word composing method executed on an apparatus having a display, said method comprising the steps of:

storing at least words and parts of speech corresponding to words in a dictionary;
designating at least a part of speech from a plurality of parts of speech as a search condition, said parts of speech including at least the class of nouns and verbs;
and
searching a word for one or more words matching the search condition from a the dictionary storing at least words and parts of speech corresponding to the words;
displaying one or more words that match the search condition on the display;
selecting one or more words displayed that match the search condition; and
adopting the ~~searched~~ selected word as part of a song word to be input.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A word composing method executed on an apparatus having a display, said method comprising the steps of:

storing a plurality of sentence syntax templates, each sentence syntax template defining an order of a plurality of parts of speech, said parts of speech including at least a class of nouns and verbs;
displaying a plurality of sentence syntax templates on the display to urge selection of one sentence syntax templates

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selecting a sentence syntax template from a plurality of sentence syntax templates each defining a typical order of a plurality of parts of speech; and
inputting words of a song in accordance with the selected sentence syntax template.

Claims 14-17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (currently amended): A computer readable medium having a word composing program for making a computer execute:

a process of storing at least words and parts of speech corresponding to words in a dictionary;

a process of designating ~~at least~~ a part of speech from a plurality of parts of speech as a search condition, said parts of speech including at least a class of nouns and verbs; and

a process of searching ~~a word~~ one or more words matching the search condition from a the dictionary ~~storing at least words and parts of speech corresponding to the words;~~ and

a process of adopting the searched selected word as part of a song word to be input.

Claim 19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (previously presented): A word composing method according to claim 13, wherein said step of inputting words inputs words of a song one by one from a plurality of candidate words in accordance with the selected sentence syntax template.

Claim 21 (previously presented): A word composing method according to claim 20, wherein said plurality of candidate words are detected in accordance with the selected sentence syntax template.

Claim 22 (previously presented): A word composing apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising an input processor that inputs words in accordance with the selected sentence syntax template.

Claim 23 (previously presented): A word composing apparatus, according to claim 22, wherein said input processor inputs words of a song one by one from a plurality of candidate words in accordance with the selected sentence syntax template.

Claim 24 (previously presented): A word composing apparatus, according to claim 23, wherein said plurality of candidate words are detected in accordance with the selected sentence syntax template. -----

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